



Campaign mode is starting. Many elected officials are announcing their run for re-election. Others have decided not to run, opening up their seats. From the Federal to the local levels clubs are inviting the candidates to help their members and their communities to be better educated on who will best represent them. Because of the current situation with many of our elected officials holding a current office and deciding to run for another office the question is “How do we handle them all coming to our local club to speak?” The answer is Standing Rule 7.

Standing Rule number 7 was changed at the July 31, 2009 TFRW Board Meeting. It's in the body of this newsletter but I want you to read it here too:

New Standing Rule 7

When one candidate in a Republican primary, **non-partisan**, or special election is invited to speak to a Local Club, all **Republican** candidates in that race shall be invited to speak either at the same meeting or a subsequent meeting. Each candidate shall be afforded equal time.

The rules apply during the time period beginning 90 days before the first day of the candidate filing period and ending the day after the election. If a Runoff Election is necessary, the period will end the day after the Runoff Election.

A candidate is defined as a person who has filed with the appropriate entity to appoint a Campaign Treasurer.

Even TFRW has started the process of elections. The nominating committee nominated the following for our offices: Congratulations ladies:

President - Rebecca Bradford
1st Vice President - Carolyn Hodges,
VP Bylaws - Betty Hill,
VP Campaign Activities - Jeanette Sterner
VP Finance - Marilyn Davis
VP Legislation - Barbara Larson
VP Membership - Jan Ott
VP Programs - Rebecca Williamson
Secretary - Linda Schenck
Treasurer - Cynthia England

TFRW Board Members addressed the proposed NFRW \$2.00 membership dues increase and bylaw changes. The TFRW board recommended not voting for the membership dues increase and oppose bylaws number 1 & 3 and supporting bylaws number 2 & 4. You can find the proposed bylaws changes on NFRW web page – nfrw.org. If you have comments on these bylaw changes please contact a member attending the NFRW Convention.

Many of you are attending Town Hall Meetings to have your voices heard. Keep it up and encourage your friends and families in other states to do the same. Remember to say thanks to our members of congress who are supporting our views.

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